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Docket No. 5085

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the patent application of Ulli

Serial No. 09/926694

Filing date: December 4, 2001

Title: Method and Device for Partially Applying a Surface Coating and Breathable Film With Such a Partial Surface Coating

Group Art Unit 1771 -- Examiner Zirker

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

Amend the specification as on the attached replacement pages.

Amend claims 8-10 as on the enclosed sheet.

Add an abstract (attached).

REMARKS

This is a reply to the office action of December 4, 2003.

The examiner objected to the use of the words "foil" and "points" in this application. We have accordingly changed "foil" to "film" and "points" to "dots".

We believe that claims 8 - 10 clearly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter for which protection is sought.

CH 649 497 and CH 663 310, which are mentioned in the specification, and are the "applicant's admitted prior art" identified by the examiner, describe a device and method for coating a substrate, particularly a textile substrate. The coating is applied to only one surface of the substrate. As a substrate, a textile material is disclosed. The second layer which is attached to the substrate is also a textile material.